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SUBJECT: DAILY MR 3 SITREP - 20 MARCH 1973

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA BEING REPEATED

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BIEN HOA 0083

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1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 3 REMAINED AT THE REDUCED LEVEL OF YESTERDAY. THERE WERE 16 INCIDENTS REPORTED, CONSISTING OF NINE ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), FIVE GROUND CONTACTS, AND TWO MININGS. TON LE CHAM BASE CAMP RECEIVED 188 ROUNDS OF MIXED MORTAR, ARTILLERY, AND ROCKET FIRE, WOUNDING FIVE RANGERS. DURING THE NIGHT OF APRIL 18-19, RANGERS AT TON LE CHAM REPORTED HEARING SOUNDS OF TANKS APPROXIMATELY TWO KMS NORTHWEST OF THE CAMP. THEY ESTIMATED THERE WERE ABOUT FIVE TANKS. THE ABF AND GROUND CONTACTS TOOK PLACE IN HAU NGHIA, BINH DUONG, BIEN HOA, PHUOC LONG, LONG KHANH, AND PHUOC TUY PROVINCES. TOTAL CASUALTIES WERE: FOUR RVNAF KILLED, 10 RVNAF AND TWO CIVILIANS WOUNDED, AND ONE VC KILLED.

2. OUR ASSASSINATION- OF- THE- WEEK AWARD GOES TO AN AS YET UNIDENTI-
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FIED ASSASSIN WHO EARLY APRIL 19 MURDERED THE VIETNAMESE MANAGER
OF

MICHELIN' S DAU TIENG RUBBER PLANTATION IN TRI TAM DISTRICT OF
BINH DUONG PROVINCE. PROVINCE AUTHORITIES CLAIM TO HAVE
APPREHENDED

THE CULPRIT, WHO IS BEING INTERROGATED. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION, BUT IN VIET- NAM THE POSSIBLE MOTIVES ARE ENDLESS:

(1) THE MANAGER WAS NOT COOPERATING SUFFICIENTLY WITH THE NVA/ VC
IN THE AREA, SO THEY KILLED HIM; (2) HE WAS COOPERATING TOO MUCH
WITH THE NVA/ VC, SO THE GRNV KILLED HIM; (3) HE WAS COOPERATING
WITH BOTH SIDES, BUT ANGERED ONE SIDE A BIT TOO MUCH OVER SOMETHING
SUCH AS INSUFFICIENT PAYOFFS. NATURALLY VIETNAMESE WILL ADD OTHER
POSSIBILITIES TO THE LIST, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INVOLVE SINISTER
AMERICAN PLOTS AGAINST EVERYONE FROM THE NVA TO THE FRENCH.

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